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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Approved March 18, 2019)

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on January 14, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Ron Castaldo, CRNA; Megan Williams, FNP-C; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Katie O'Brien, CNM; Joseph Rubacky, DO; Mark Borer, MD

ABSENT: Mary Diamond, DO

GUESTS: None

PRESIDING: Ron Castaldo, CRNA

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Castaldo called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m. and welcomed Dr. Borer to the committee. Members introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from November 5, 2018 were reviewed. Dr. Williams made one typographical correction. Ms. Cunningham made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Dr. Rubacky. The motion carried with Dr. Borer abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

APRN Subcommittee for Report to General Assembly

Dr. Castaldo reported the committee met on January 3, 2019 with himself, Dr. Lawless, Ms. Holzapfel, Drr. Zickafoose and Mr. Mangler attending. Members reviewed a draft report and suggested edits to the report. Dr. Zickafoose will make corrections to the report and send it to Dr. Lawless as well as the Executive Director of the BMLD. Dr. Lawless will present the report to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline for their approval. Mr. Mangler stated the presidents of both boards should sign the report and he would distribute it to the Division of Research. Dr. Rubacky suggested the Medical Society of DE be made aware of the report and Dr. Williams stated she would discuss it with Drew Wilson.

Ernest Tamajong, Adult/Gero NP

Dr. Zickafoose stated she did not receive the additional verification form for Mr. Tamajong. Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Rubacky to deny the application as an incomplete application with the understanding Mr. Tamajong may reapply in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

Breighanna Gray, Adult/Gero NP

Dr. Zickafoose stated she did not receive the additional verification form for Ms. Grey. Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien to deny the application as an incomplete application with the understanding Ms. Grey may reapply in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

Trina Haywood, CNM

An additional verification form was submitted. Following review of the required documentation, Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Rubacky to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Applications for Independent Practice:

Lenore Hare, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Rubacky to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Josephine Gabriel, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded By Ms. Cunningham to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Jamieson, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Wainwright, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Keri Johnson, Women's Health/Gender Related NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Megan Miller, CNM

Following review of the required documentation Ms. O'Brien moved, seconded by Dr. Rubacky, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Sue Bardsley, Psych/Mental Health CNS

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Chad Vickers, Psych/Mental Health NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Rubacky moved, seconded by Dr. Williams, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Aimee Nacrelli, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Borer moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Christine Hanna-Ronald, Psych/Mental Health NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):

Dr. Castaldo stated DANA is still pursuing the radiation regulations. Dr. Zickafoose added there was a conference call and DHSS granted a temporary exemption for APRNs. Dr. Williams contacted the AANP and found they did not have a universal statement as it did not directly affect NPs. Ms. O'Brien confirmed that CNMs were not impacted with ultrasound procedures. Dr. Rubacky commented this was for ionizing radiation. Dr. Castaldo clarified that CRNAs were the APRN group most affected due to non-surgical pain management. Members were asked to search for standards of care from specialty organizations.

Dr. Williams reported the Primary Care Report for Primary Care Physicians has recently received a lot of press coverage related to reimbursement. She stated all primary care providers, including all APRNs -not only NPs, should be included in future reports. Dr. Rubacky commented that in many areas of Kent and Sussex counties APRNs and PAs fulfill primary care needs. Dr. Borer shared his philosophy of working with APRNs, and Dr. Rubacky commented that Bayhealth was developing a training program for all healthcare workers to work in a collaborative environment. Dr. Castaldo stated that one goal of APRN full practice authority and independent practice was to expand patient access to care, and that APRNs will continue to consult physicians and other advanced providers as needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING: March 4, 2019 in Conference Room A of the Cannon Building

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE, FRE
Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing